

CHAPTER 21  
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY

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**201—21.1 Reserved.**

**201—21.2(904) Visiting—maximum security unit.**

**21.2(1)** Visiting hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Visiting hours on state holidays shall be the same as the regularly scheduled times for that day. If the holiday falls on Tuesday, the warden may allow visiting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and may also close the visiting room on one of the other weekdays in that same week.

- a.* No weekday visit shall begin after 3 p.m. No weekend visit shall begin after 7 p.m.
- b.* Weekday visits shall terminate after a maximum of four hours or at the conclusion of visiting hours, whichever comes first.

*c.* Weekend or holiday visits shall terminate after a maximum of three hours or at the conclusion of visiting hours, whichever comes first. Visits may be extended at the warden's or designee's discretion when visitors are from great distances or when able to make only rare visits.

**21.2(2)** Approved visitors may be allowed five visits per month. Religious and attorney visits will not be counted. The warden or designee may require that at least one of the five visits occurs on a weekday.

*a.* Newly admitted inmates shall not have visitors during the first 14 days of incarceration except at the discretion of the warden or designee.

*b.* Transferees from other correctional facilities shall not have visitors during the first two days at this facility except at the discretion of the warden or designee.

*c.* Visitors may only bring articles to the visit with prior approval. Purses shall be left in the car, but clutch purses may be carried. Infant supplies of three diapers, a baby bottle, and one toy are permitted, but no diaper bags. Visitors may bring in one pack of unopened cigarettes. Single pictures may be taken into a visit. All items taken into the visiting room must be declared and must be accounted for before leaving.

*d.* The inmate and visitor may briefly embrace at the beginning and the termination of the visit.

*e.* Holding hands, which shall be in view at all times, is the only physical contact permitted while visiting. Inmates may hold small children.

*f.* Furniture shall not be rearranged by the inmate or the visitor.

*g.* Only one person at a time shall be permitted in the restroom, except that an adult visitor may be required to accompany a child.

*h.* Neither the visitor nor the inmate shall leave the visiting area except in an emergency. Once either of the parties leaves, the visit will be terminated for that day.

The following additional rules apply to visits to the minimum security units:

*i.* Visitors shall be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

*j.* The inmate shall decide who shall visit when more than two persons are waiting.

*k.* Questions during a visit shall be directed to the escorting officers or the officer in charge of the visiting room area.

*l.* Requests for special or extended visitation shall be made at least three working days in advance by the warden or designee.

*m.* Each inmate is responsible for informing visitors of the institution's visiting rules.

**21.2(3)** Visitors of hospitalized inmates must have medical approval. Visits shall be limited to 40 minutes.

**21.2(4)** Visits between an attorney and inmate shall be permitted during normal business hours. Such visits during nonbusiness hours may be authorized by appointment.

**201—21.3 Visits to the security treatment unit.** Rescinded, IAB 3/20/91.

**201—21.4 Tours.** Rescinded, IAB 3/20/91.

**201—21.5(904) John Bennett medium security unit and minimum security farms.** Visiting hours on state holidays shall be the same as the regularly scheduled times for that day. If the holiday falls on Tuesday, the warden may allow visiting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and may also close the visiting room on one of the other weekdays in that same week.

**21.5(1) Visiting.**

*a.* Visiting hours at the medium security unit are Monday and Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*b.* Persons visiting inmates housed in the medium security unit shall have a maximum of 12 four-hour visits per month. Visiting will take place in the designated visiting room or outside yard area.

*c.* Visitors may only bring articles to the visit with prior approval. Purses shall be left in the car, but clutch purses may be carried. Infant supplies of three diapers, a baby bottle, and one toy are permitted, but no diaper bags. Visitors may bring in one pack of unopened cigarettes. Single pictures may be taken into a visit. All items taken into the visiting room must be declared and must be accounted for upon leaving.

*d.* The inmate and visitor may briefly embrace at the beginning and the termination of the visit.

*e.* Holding hands, which shall be in view at all times, is the only physical contact permitted while visiting. Inmates may hold small children.

*f.* Furniture shall not be rearranged by the inmate or the visitor.

*g.* Only one person at a time shall be permitted in the restroom, except that an adult may accompany a child.

*h.* Neither the visitor nor the inmate shall leave the visiting area except in emergency. Once either of the parties leaves, the visit will be terminated for that day.

*i.* The following additional rules apply to visits to the minimum security units.

(1) Visiting hours are Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(2) Each visit may last seven consecutive hours. Departure from the unit will be construed as the end of the visit for that day.

(3) Visiting through the normal workweek will be held at the medium security unit. Attorneys, pastors, and prospective employers will be permitted to visit at the minimum security unit during the week with prior approval from the unit manager. A person visiting during the normal workweek may not visit on the upcoming weekend.

(4) Visitors shall report to the medium security unit so the inmate can be notified of the visitor.

(5) Visitors shall remain in the designated visiting area and not wander back and forth. The outside visiting area during fair weather is immediately in front of the unit. The indoor visiting area during inclement weather is the television room or lounge and dining area.

**21.5(2) Meals.** Meals may be served to visitors, guests of the institution, and other persons approved by the warden or designee under the following circumstances:

*a.* The meal is a direct result of an approved institutional program, meeting, or activity.

*b.* The serving of the meal does not conflict with or otherwise disrupt the operation of the institution.

*c.* All persons participating in a meal meet all institutional regulations, rules, and conditions.

*d.* Persons may be charged a fee based on the cost of the meal.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 217.8, 217.14 and 904.512.

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